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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU RECEIVED FOUR AMBASSADORS TODAY, AUGUST 21. I WAS LAST --AFTER UK, AND CONGO--BUT I HOPE NOT LEAST. CEREMONIES WERE IMPRESSIVE AND EFFICIENTLY CONDUCTED.

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU RECEIVED ME AND SIX SENIOR COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS CORDIALLY, WITH GREAT DIGNITY AND EVIDENT SINCERITY. HE CONCLUDED THAT FORMAL EXCHANGE OF "LES MOTS CLASSIQUES" ABOUT OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS BY ASKING THAT HIS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT FORD.

3. AFTER TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND DURING SUB-CEREMONY OF "VIN D'HONNEUR" WHICH INCLUDED POURING SOME OF SAME ON GROUND IN MEMORY OF AUTHENTIC ZAIRIAN ANCESTORS PRIOR TO IMBIBING (IN MY CASE PINE-APPLE JUICE, SINCE DCM HAD WARNED ME TO AVOID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THE PROFFERED PALM WINE--PRESIDENT ALSO TOOK JUICE TO MY RELIEF), WE TALKED FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES IN PRESENCE OF DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA AND FONMIN UMBA (STUCK WITH PALM WINE SINCE BISENGIMANA GOT THE LAST OF THE PINEAPPLE JUICE). SEE SEPTTEL.

4. THEREAFTER MY COLLEAGUES JOINED US AGAIN FOR
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OFFICIAL PHOTOS, DISCUSSION OF HIS LEOPARDS AND LIONS--

LATTER HAD JUST PRODUCED THREE CUBS--AND A WARM
LEAVE-TAKING, COMPLETE WITH NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND
MILITARY HONORS. HINTON

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